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1. Measures are to be worked out to bring about the slow and gradual introduction of the Russian GOST standards for appropriate items in East Germany. Designs (Entwürfe), standardization (Standardisierung) and technical norms are already being worked out in East Germany on the basis of the GOST standards.

2. In the past, the official Russian GOST standards have been applied at the customer's request to particular products produced for the USSR in East Germany, and, at present, those commodities which are produced especially for the USSR are usually manufactured according to the GOST standards.

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the introduction of the GOST standards is absolutely a voluntary matter and is only being done at the desire of certain unspecified industrial circles.

introduction of the GOST standards as a process which is definitely being carried through. It appears that the government's intention is to introduce the GOST standards throughout East German industry, but only slowly and gradually, and without admitting that it is government policy or issuing specific orders through the ministries.

1. Comment: [ ] there is pressure to introduce the GOST standards in East Germany but that standardization officials in industry and in the East German Office for Standardization (Amt fuer Standardisierung) are reluctant to agree to the change. They are resisting it because they feel that the West is still well ahead of the USSR technically and that it is to the advantage of East Germany to continue to conform to Western standards. [ ] there is no indication that the 25X1 GOST standards will be adopted by East German industry in the foreseeable future.

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